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       Letsinger, Robert L., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
       Mucic, Robert C., Glendale, CA, UNITED STATES
       Storhoff, James J., Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
       Elghanian, Robert, Skokie, IL, UNITED STATES
       Taton, Thomas Andrew, Little Canada, MN, UNITED STATES
       Garimella, Viswanadham, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
       Li, Zhi, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
       Park, So-Jung, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
       Lu, Gang, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
PA     Nanosphere, Inc. (U.S. corporation)
PI     US 2006068378      A1   20060330
AI     US 2005-50983      A1   20050204 (11)
RLI    Continuation of Ser. No. US 2001-8978, filed on 7 Dec 2001, GRANTED,
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       2000-603830, filed on 26 Jun 2000, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6506564
       Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-344667, filed on 25 Jun 1999,
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US 2000-255236P 20001211 (60)
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US 1996-31809P 19960729 (60)

DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF LLP, 300 S. WACKER DRIVE, 32ND FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, US
CLMN Number of Claims: 29
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1-598
DRWN 70 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 8652
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide** conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 2 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2004:144556 USPATFULL
TI Nanoparticles having oligonucleotides attached thereto and uses therefor
IN Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
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Mucic, Robert C., Glendale, CA, UNITED STATES
Storhoff, James J., Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Elghanian, Robert, Skokie, IL, UNITED STATES
Taton, Thomas A., Little Canada, MN, UNITED STATES
Garimella, Viswanadham, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Li, Zhi, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
PA Nanosphere, Inc. (U.S. corporation)
PI US 2004110220 A1 20040610
AI US 2003-716829 A1 20031118 (10)
RLI Division of Ser. No. US 2001-760500, filed on 12 Jan 2001, PENDING Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 2000-603830, filed on 26 Jun 2000, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6506564 Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-344667, filed on 25 Jun 1999, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6361944 Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-240755, filed on 29 Jan 1999, ABANDONED Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. WO 1997-US12783, filed on 21 Jul 1997, PENDING

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FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF LLP, 300 S. WACKER DRIVE, 32ND

FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 485
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 52 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 8748
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide** conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 3 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2004:94779 USPATFULL
TI Nanoparticles having oligonucleotides attached thereto and uses therefor
IN Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
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Mucic, Robert C., Glendale, CA, UNITED STATES
Storhoff, James J., Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Elghanian, Robert, Skokie, IL, UNITED STATES
Taton, Thomas A., Little Canada, MN, UNITED STATES
Garimella, Viswanadham, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Li, Zhi, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Park, So-Jung, Austin, TX, UNITED STATES
PA Nanosphere, Inc. (U.S. corporation)
PI US 2004072231 A1 20040415
AI US 2003-640618 A1 20030813 (10)
RLI Division of Ser. No. US 2001-820279, filed on 28 Mar 2001, PENDING Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 2001-760500, filed on 12 Jan 2001, PENDING Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 2000-603830, filed on 26 Jun 2000, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6506564 Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-344667, filed on 25 Jun 1999, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6361944 Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-240755, filed on 29 Jan 1999, ABANDONED Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. WO 1997-US12783, filed on 21 Jul 1997, PENDING
PRAI US 2000-255235P 20001211 (60)
US 2000-254392P 20001208 (60)
US 2000-192699P 20000328 (60)
DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP Emily Miao, McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, 32nd Floor, 300 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 570
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 63 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 11118
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide**

conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 4 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2003:294281 USPATFULL
TI Nanoparticles having oligonucleotides attached thereto and uses therefor
IN Park, So-Jung, Austin, TX, UNITED STATES
Taton, Thomas Andrew, Little Canada, MN, UNITED STATES
Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
PI US 2003207296 A1 20031106
AI US 2002-266983 A1 20021008 (10)
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US 2000-254418P 20001208 (60)
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US 2000-176409P 20000113 (60)
US 2000-213906P 20000626 (60)
US 2000-200161P 20000426 (60)
US 1996-31809P 19960729 (60)
DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF, 300 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3200, CHICAGO, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 677
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 75 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 12981
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide** conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 5 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2003:207240 USPATFULL
TI Bioconjugate-nanoparticle probes
IN Garimella, Viswanadham, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES

Storhoff, James J., Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
PI US 2003143598 A1 20030731
AI US 2002-291291 A1 20021108 (10)
PRAI US 2001-348239P 20011109 (60)
DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF, 300 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3200, CHICAGO, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 99
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 9 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 1472
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides nanoparticle-bioconjugate probes that are useful for detecting target analytes such as nucleic acids. The probes of the invention are stable towards heat and resistant to displacement by **thiol** containing compounds such as DTT (dithiothreitol).

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 6 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2003:127030 USPATFULL
TI Nanoparticles having oligonucleotides attached thereto and uses therefor
IN Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Letsinger, Robert L., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Taton, Thomas Andrew, Little Canada, MN, UNITED STATES
Lu, Gang, Mt Prospect, IL, UNITED STATES
PI US 2003087242 A1 20030508
US 6984491 B2 20060110
AI US 2001-8978 A1 20011207 (10)
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PRAI US 1996-31809P 19960729 (60)
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DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF, 300 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3200, CHICAGO, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 626
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 71 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 12308
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide**

conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 7 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2003:30222 USPATFULL
TI Nanoparticles having oligonucleotides attached thereto and uses therefor
IN Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Letsinger, Robert L., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Park, So-Jung, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
PI US 2003022169 A1 20030130
US 6750016 B2 20040615
AI US 2001-820279 A1 20010328 (9)
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FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF, 300 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3200, CHICAGO, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 570
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 65 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 11127
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide** conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.F

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 8 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2002:307830 USPATFULL
TI Movement of biomolecule-coated nanoparticles in an electric field
IN Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Letsinger, Robert L., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Mucic, Robert C., Glendale, CA, UNITED STATES
Storhoff, James J., Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Elghanian, Robert, Chicago, IL, UNITED STATES
Taton, Thomas Andrew, Chicago, IL, UNITED STATES
Garimella, Viswanadham, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Li, Zhi, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Park, So-Jung, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
PI US 2002172953 A1 20021121
AI US 2001-927777 A1 20010810 (9)

RLI Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 2001-820279, filed on 28 Mar 2001, PENDING Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 2001-760500, filed on 12 Jan 2001, PENDING Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 2000-603830, filed on 26 Jun 2000, PENDING Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-344667, filed on 25 Jun 1999, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6361944 Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-240755, filed on 29 Jan 1999, ABANDONED Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. WO 1997-US12783, filed on 21 Jul 1997, UNKNOWN
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US 2000-255235P 20001211 (60)
US 2000-224631P 20000811 (60)
DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP Emily Miao, McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff, 32nd Floor, 300 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 598
ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 64 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 11435
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide** conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L5 ANSWER 9 OF 9 USPATFULL on STN
AN 2002:280008 USPATFULL
TI Nanoparticles having oligonucleotides attached thereto and uses therefor
IN Mirkin, Chad A., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Letsinger, Robert L., Wilmette, IL, UNITED STATES
Mucic, Robert C., Glendale, CA, UNITED STATES
Storhoff, James J., Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Elghanian, Robert, Chicago, IL, UNITED STATES
Taton, Thomas A., Little Canada, MN, UNITED STATES
Garimella, Viswanadham, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
Li, Zhi, Evanston, IL, UNITED STATES
PI US 2002155442 A1 20021024
US 6767702 B2 20040727
AI US 2001-760500 A1 20010112 (9)
RLI Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-344667, filed on 25 Jun 1999, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6361944 Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. US 1999-240755, filed on 29 Jan 1999, ABANDONED Continuation-in-part of Ser. No. WO 1997-US12783, filed on 21 Jul 1997, UNKNOWN
PRAI US 1996-31809P 19960729 (60)
US 2000-200161P 20000426 (60)
US 2000-176409P 20000113 (60)
US 2000-213906P 20000626 (60)
DT Utility
FS APPLICATION
LREP MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF, 300 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 3200, CHICAGO, IL, 60606
CLMN Number of Claims: 485

ECL Exemplary Claim: 1
DRWN 51 Drawing Page(s)
LN.CNT 8754
CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.
AB The invention provides methods of detecting a nucleic acid. The methods comprise contacting the nucleic acid with one or more types of particles having oligonucleotides attached thereto. In one embodiment of the method, the oligonucleotides are attached to nanoparticles and have sequences complementary to portions of the sequence of the nucleic acid. A detectable change (preferably a color change) is brought about as a result of the hybridization of the oligonucleotides on the nanoparticles to the nucleic acid. The invention also provides compositions and kits comprising particles. The invention further provides methods of synthesizing unique **nanoparticle-oligonucleotide** conjugates, the conjugates produced by the methods, and methods of using the conjugates. In addition, the invention provides nanomaterials and nanostructures comprising nanoparticles and methods of nanofabrication utilizing nanoparticles. Finally, the invention provides a method of separating a selected nucleic acid from other nucleic acids.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

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